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SUBJECT: CAPTURED RUSSIANS

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1. EMBASSY BANGKOK POLITICAL COUNSELOR BARNES, ACCOMPANIED BY A/DCM, CALLED ON U WIN, MFA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF PROTOCOL AND CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, DECEMBER 14. PURPOSE: TO GIVE GUB OUR LATEST READING ABOUT THE KIDNAPPED SOVIETS. REGARDING THE LACK OF MOVEMENT ON RELEASE OF THE RUSSIANS DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS, BARNES EMPHASIZED THAT THE US WAS WILLING TO BE ON HAND TO EASE THEIR RELEASE TO THE THAI, BUT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES COULD THE US ACCEPT THEM DIRECTLY FROM THE LOIMAW KHAKWEIYEI. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE LAST WORD FROM GENERAL KRIANGSAK CHOM-ANAN WAS THAT THE THAI HAD NO CURRENT NEED OF OUR HELP.

2. U WIN SAID THAT HIS INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE RUSSIANS WAS ROUGHLY THE SAME AS OURS. THEY WERE STILL IN BURMA ADJACENT TONORTHERN THAILAND, AND THEY WERE LAST REPORTED IN GOOD HEALTH. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED RECEIVING WORD ABOUT OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH KRIANGSAK, AND ADDED THAT THE BURMESE HAD RECEIVED NO INFORMATION FROM THE THAI ON THIS SUBJECT.

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3. IF THE SCHEDULED KRIANGSAK-WINSHIP MEETING TOOK PLACE DECEMBER 14, WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHAT TRANSPIRED ABOUT THE KIDNAPPED RUSSIANS SO THAT WE MAY KEEP THE GUB AND SOVIET EMBASSY INFORMED.

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